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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated September 30, 2002, be extended for two months to and including December 30, 2002.

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